

ISAAC WHITE¹

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Isaac White was born April 6, 1805 at Potterne, Wiltshire, England. He had little or no schooling, but started as a boy to work as a farm laborer, which taught him early in life how to plant, cultivate and harvest crops. He had a strong constitution and was no stranger to hard work. He had a fiery temper which was not always under complete control, but as a rule he mastered it, and was regarded as a good Christian. There existed deep in his mind and makeup a longing to own some land of his own and be free. He toiled long hours for a terribly small remuneration. He did have good health.

In 1830 at the age of twenty-five he married Mary Hancock, and they became parents of Jane White, May 15, 1831 and of John While, June 24, 1836.

Obtaining a livelihood was a constant struggle, making it necessary for Jane and John to go out to work without going to school. They worked in the little town of Steeple Ashton.

Isaac White's first wife Mary died in 1840. He continued to live in England until the late autumn of 1854 when he and his family immigrated to Utah. They were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints during the Spring of 1854.

Isaac married his fourth wife Betsy, after he came to Utah. She was a very good helpmeet for him. She died about 1874. He died suddenly July 19, 1880 of a stroke he suffered while hoeing his garden. They were both buried in the North Ogden cemetery. They were real pioneers, industrious, energetic, faithful, and forward looking. For more details concerning the life of Isaac White refer to the biography of John White.

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